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SUBJECT: GOM OFFICIAL SAYS EC PREFERENCES HURT MEXICO

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1. ACCORDING TO EL HERALDO, AMBASSADOR MARIO ESPINOSA DE LOS REYES, DIRECTOR IN CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN OFFICE, ON MARCH 19 ADDRESSED OPENING SESSION OF CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS. HE DISCUSSED MEXICAN EXPORTS TO EUROPE, AND HOW THEY MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY UPCOMING MTN S. CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY WILL DEAL WITH FOREIGN TRADE IN GENERAL, AND WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSED CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES.

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2. ESPINOSA DE LOS REYES SAID THAT MEXICAN AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THE EC WERE SERIOUSLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE EC' S POLICY OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TOWARD OTHER EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT MEXICAN EXPORTS TO THE EC HAD FALLEN IN 1972 WHILE IMPORTS HAD RISEN, RESULTING IN A \$395 MILLION DEFICIT FOR MEXICO.

3. ESPINOSA DE LOS REYES SAID THAT 1973 MTNS WOULD EMBRACE ALL ELEMENTS OF TRADE, AND WOULD HOPEFULLY REDUCE NEGATIVE EFFECT FOR MEXICO OF THE EC COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY. HE STATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON MEXICO, AND LDCS IN GENERAL, SINCE THEY MIGHT RESULT IN REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF PREFERENCES IN MANUFACTURED AND SEMI- MANUFACTURED GOODS, WHICH HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: ESPINOSA DE LOS REYES' STATEMENT IS SHARPEST PUBLIC CRITICISM WE HAVE NOTED BY GOM OFFICIAL OF EC COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND REVERSE PREFERENCE SYSTEM.
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